

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Vice Chairman Donald J. Costa, with the following present:

Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DeCosta, Clerk,
Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq.,
Director of Administration

Absent: Paul Neves, Chairman

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - None.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Rules & Regulations Committee - Mr. DaCosta reported meeting Tuesday and the facilities policy is a separate agenda item.

B. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Teel reported meeting on the Parallel Curriculum.

C. Finance Committee - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE payment of invoices in the amount of \$674,526.41.

Mr. Costa noted that the Finance Committee tabled the Beacon Charter School, noting it had been excluded in the budget. Expenditure report and gas logs were placed on file.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report

B. Approval of Minutes

a. Open Session: September 22; October 13, 2005

b. Executive Session: September 8, 22; October 13, 2005

C. Maintenance Report

D. Enrollments Report

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On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was

VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda and take the personnel as a separate item.

E. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent made the following recommendations:

a. Appointments - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Manuel Martins, Night Custodian at JJM Cumberland Hill Annex, effective 11/11/05 (budgeted).

b. Leaves of Absence - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the following requests

1. Jamie Austin, Special Education Teacher at BF Norton School, effective 11/28/2005-3/13/2006

2. Marguerite Dailey, Teacher Assistant at Community School, effective 11/7/2005 - 1/3/2006.

c. Resignation - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Cheryl Vaughn, Principal at B.F. Norton School, effective 11/23/2005. Mr. Costa noted she would be missed.

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - None.

B. Search Committee Update - None.

VIII. New Business

A. Benchmark School - Ms. Karbonik explained how they came to be

a benchmark school and the contributions of the reading specialist and enrichment coordinator for the district. She reported on the differentiation instruction and intervention of all students not reaching standards. One example was how they modified lunch to serve 160 instead of 120 at a time and made additional scheduling changes. A sample PE notebook was provided for the committee to review.

B. Use of School Facilities Policy - 2nd Reading - Mr. DaCosta performed the second reading after noting the changes that had been made. He acknowledged receiving a letter from Mr. Hamel, Director of Parks & Recreation, with his concerns. The Superintendent noted she had compiled a list of those currently using facilities and they will be mailed a copy of the new policy. She noted the rate structure is only through June and will be reviewed at that time. Mr. Hamel expressed concern over fees for the use of facilities. Mr. Rotella explained the Superintendent would be giving approval for use of facilities and if there were an appeal it would be brought to the committee. The Superintendent noted there could be areas where there would be no fee but the custodial fees would apply. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 5-1 TO APPROVE the policy, with Mr. Thibodeau voting against.

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IX. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent noted they would begin the search for a Principal at B.F. Norton, but did not want to proceed hastily. They will meet with teachers and parents at B.F. Norton. She wished Ms. Vaughn well. Dr. Morelle reported the school classifications were announced and Cumberland High School is a High Performing - Sustaining school. She noted today was a professional development day and the work was aligned with the graduation proficiencies.

X. Comments from the Public - Ms. DeVeaux commented on Ms. Vaughn being a great role model and a leader.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported there will be a book fair on the 30th and 1st, a pie fund raiser and the playground committee will be selling shirts. Ms. Teel commented on the mother/son event and thanked Mr. Skitt. Mr. Thibodeau reported the NCMS parent night is coming up.

XII. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

No Executive Session was necessary.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by the entire committee, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary